

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ESSEX TOWN HALL
July 9, 2014 - 4:00pm**

The Essex Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Lon Seidman, John Beveridge, Robert Laundry, David Sousa, Betsy D'Amico and Ed Cook. Also in attendance Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Commission, Norm Needleman, First Selectman and Susan Malan, Consultant. Absent: David Winstead

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seidman at 4:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Jay Beveridge and seconded by Ed Cook the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the May 2014 Essex Economic Development Commission meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors:

Judie Heiser, Essex Board of Trade.

Commissioners:

Mr. Beveridge asked what is being done about the increase in the fox population in town? Mr. Needleman noted that no complaints have been received and that at this time nothing is being done. Mr. Beveridge asked if there were any reports of vehicles being broken into? Mr. Needleman will check with the Police. Mr. Beveridge noted that the Ancient Order of Weeders is doing a great job, but the area underneath the bridges near the Firehouse is not being taken care of. Ms. Malan noted that this was brought up at the planning meeting. The State will be painting the bridges. This will be discussed further. Ms. Malan also noted that the Town will work on clearing sidewalks that are overgrown in parts of Centerbrook.

Mr. Sousa asked to have a copy of the letter Mr. Seidman wrote to Zoning in regards to the signage regulations. Mr. Seidman will send a copy to him. Zoning is reviewing the plans.

REPORT FROM TOWN HALL/CONSULTANT

Ms. Malan previously distributed her report The auction of Essex Island Marina was briefly discussed.

Land use records are being consolidated to a single file with all plans, approvals and permits.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation on Signage Regulations to Zoning

Revisions will be distributed in the near future. It was suggested that we have simple regulations with illustrations of what can be done.

Centerbrook Grant

There is a planning meeting tomorrow. Discussions have been going well. Ms. Heiser asked if pictures of the historic houses and the Centerbrook Architects building be included in the report. We need to recognize that Centerbrook has many historic homes.

Farmer's Market Grant

This grant is in place and the market is growing.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 4:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Commission Clerk